

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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| TRISTAN LAWHORN, | : | CASE NO. 5:23-cv-00330 |
| Plaintiff, | : | OPINION & ORDER |
| vs. | : | [Resolving Doc. 1, 14] |
| COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL | : | |
| SECURITY, | : | |
| Defendant. | : | |

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Plaintiff Tristan Lawhorn seeks judicial review of the Social Security Commissioner's final decision denying his application for Supplemental Security Income.¹

On January 25, 2024, Magistrate Judge Knapp issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that the Court affirm the Commissioner's final decision.² Plaintiff's objections were due on February 8, 2024.³ Plaintiff did not file objections.

The Federal Magistrates Act requires district courts to conduct a *de novo* review of only objected-to portions of an R&R.⁴ Absent objection, district courts may adopt an R&R without review.⁵ Plaintiff did not object to the R&R, so this Court may adopt Magistrate Judge Knapp's R&R without further review.

¹ Doc. 1. Plaintiff and Defendant filed merits briefs. Docs. 8, 12.

² Doc. 14.

³ Parties have fourteen to file objections to a Magistrate Judge's R&R. LR 72.3(b).

⁴ 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

⁵ *Thomas v. Am*, 474 U.S. 140, 149–52 (1985). Failure to timely object may waive a party's right to appeal the district court's order adopting the R&R. *Id.* at 155; *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949–50 (6th Cir. 1981).

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Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** Magistrate Judge Knapp's R&R and **AFFIRMS** the Commissioner's final decision.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 14, 2024

s/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE